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CO, HQ, 66th CIS Grp, II ABW
Attn: Mr. W. L. Parkinson, CO Office

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To: Mr. Hughes, COA

BfV Personnel

As previously reported to your HQs, it appears likely that within the next few months the Bundesamt fuer Verfassungsschutz may lose some trained and experienced personnel, both to private industry and to other government offices. The reason for this anticipated loss of personnel is to be found in the current low state of morale within the BfV resulting from the aftermath of the Dr. Otto FRANZ case, the inability of the BfV to offer a permanent, attractive civil service career to certain categories of its employees, the lack of sufficient opportunities for promotion, and a natural desire of some former German military intelligence personnel to return to the military when it is again established in Germany.

The purpose of this memorandum is to consolidate for your information in one report the identification of those employees who may be expected to leave the BfV within the coming months for the reasons stated above, although I have previously provided your HQs with certain reports on some of the individuals who are planning to either leave or transfer from the BfV.

Hans Heinz FRINGER, presently employed in Section II/2, was previously reported as intending to transfer to the BfV office. BfV HQ, a former Abwehr officer, has apparently been dissuaded from leaving the BfV immediately but, in view of his past Abwehr service, it may be expected that he will transfer to military service when a military intelligence service is again established within the future German military.

Hans BOENHETTELEICH, presently a case officer in Section II/4, has already given notice of his intention to resign from the BfV to accept a job with private industry. Vice-president BIEF of the BfV has recently informed us that BOENHETTELEICH, who was expected to leave in December, has now extended his employment with the BfV until 31 Mar 1955 but only with the understanding that he will leave at that time. BOENHETTELEICH's ostensible reason for leaving is his dissatisfaction with the BfV's inability to secure a promotion for him. Mr. Jean PONL, the French Gurete liaison officer to the BfV, has stated to us, however, that certain accusations of financial irregularities on BOENHETTELEICH's part may have also played a role in his decision to leave the BfV. According to PONL, he has a report according to which BOENHETTELEICH was unable to repay to Richard CHREER, head of the BfV's Abteilung II, a sum of several hundred Deutsche Marks which CHREER loaned to BOENHETTELEICH from confidential funds. According to the report received by PONL, CHREER allegedly attempted to cover the loan by insisting that it was expended for the use of a confidential BfV cover house, an irregularity which has been subjected to some suspicious criticism by the BfV executive. This report has not, however, been confirmed by us.

Otto LEE, a case officer in the BfV's counter espionage evaluation Section III/3 or III/4, a former Wehrmacht Major and General Staff Officer,

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is reported by both the deputy chief of Department III and by his immediate supervisor, Dr. Heinz FROHNE, to be intending to enter the military service as soon as the military is established.

Fritz VICKEL, a case officer in the BfV's counter espionage section II/0, has been previously reported as intending to enter the military service as soon as it is established. VICKEL is a former Major in the German Wehrmacht. In a recent conversation with him he confirmed to me that he was seriously considering entering the Army as an officer.

Johannes STRUHRING alias STAHLMANN, a case officer in the BfV's counter espionage section II/0, is being considered by Juergen BRANDT of the Blank Office for recruitment for the future German Army counter intelligence service. This consideration was reported to me confidentially by BRANDT who stated that although he recognized STRUHRING's limitations he felt that he would be of considerable value in the training of the future German counter intelligence agents.

Edgard WOLTERS (cover name), a "freie Mitarbeiter" and case officer in the BfV's counter espionage section II/0, is also being considered by Juergen BRANDT for recruitment for the future German Army counter intelligence service. This consideration was also reported confidentially to me by BRANDT who indicated that he values WOLTERS' ability highly.

For your information.

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